

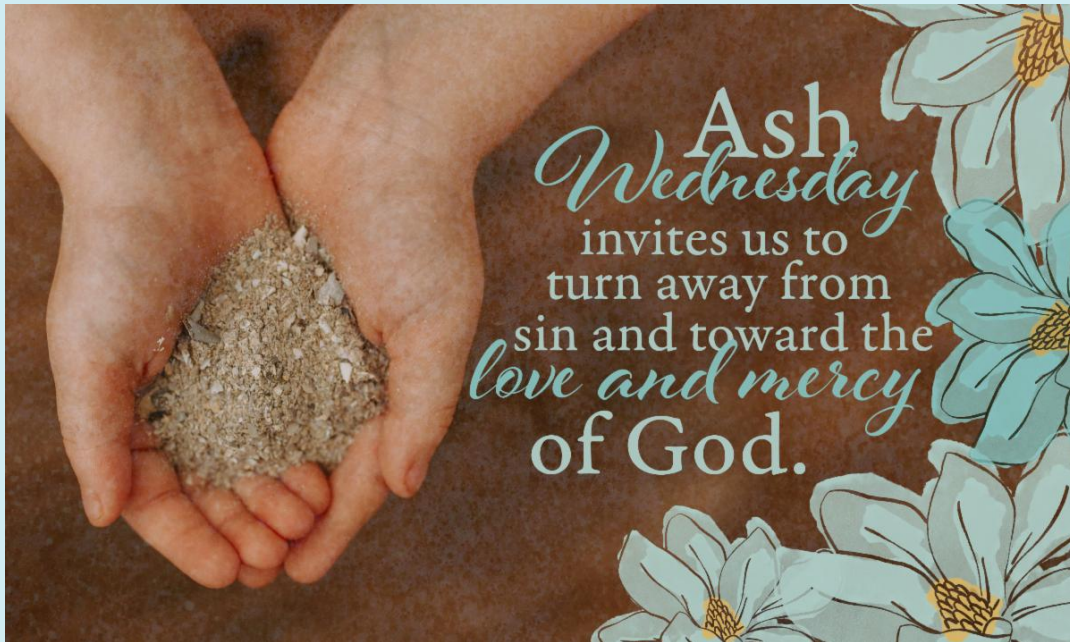


MESSENGER

of St. Mark's



Feb. 20, 2025



Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Services at 7am, 12pm, and 7pm

St. Mark's Lenten Program

Join Us For Films, Fellowship,
Discussion, Songs, Scripture
Stories, Reflection,
and Prayers for ALL Ages

Wednesday Evenings at 5:30 PM
(3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9)

Living Stories/"Family Chapel" (Stoney Chapel)
6: 00 pm Soup Supper (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm A Lenten Lens (Library)



Read, Pray, and Respond
Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 11:15 AM



Our congregation is considering a capital campaign. In order to make decisions about projects, campaign goals, and other logistical considerations, the leadership is undergoing a Feasibility Study with the help of our consultants, Vandersall Collective. Feasibility Study surveys will be mailed to many those St. Mark's households with a giving history on March 3, 2025. Included will be a case statement for our proposed capital campaign.

This will be an opportunity to hear directly from our community as we discern the willingness of our members to support a capital campaign. You can respond to the surveys either on paper or electronically. Completed surveys are to be returned to the consultants by March 30, 2025. Please take the time to read, pray, and respond to this invitation for input.

If you have questions about the Feasibility Study, please be sure to attend the parish-wide meeting on February 23, 2025, during adult-education time, at 11:15 AM in the Parish Hall.

Again, we hope you will find resonance with a vision for a building that is even more welcoming, useful, and supportive of our primary mission as followers of Jesus, to be about reconciliation with God and our neighbors, within ourselves, our faith community, and in the city and world in which we live. Being stewards of all our resources, including the building we know and love and out of which all our ministries are launched, is a vital part of our life together as a church. We are eager to discern how each of us can participate in this work.

See you on February 23 at 11:15 AM, and we look forward to hearing your vital responses in the coming weeks as the survey launches and the case statement is shared.

St. Mark's Mardi Gras Party!

**Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 5 PM
Tickets will be available for purchase this Sunday**



Saturday, March 1, 2025

Mardi Gras At St. Mark's

Party Starts @ 5 PM

Catered Dinner by
Bobbi's Homestyle Catering
Award-Winning Jazz Band, Entourage
Costumes, Raffle, and Live Auction

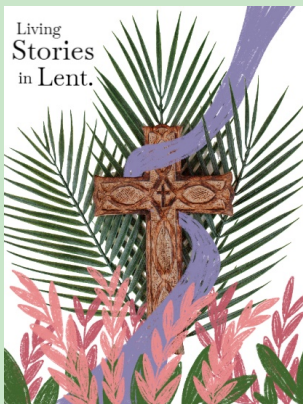
Mardi Gras 2025 is a Fundraiser for
St. Mark's Montessori Preschool
Our goal is to raise \$9,000 for a
New Shade Structure

Ticket Prices
\$30 for Adults - Youth (6-18) \$10
Kids Under Six Are Free!
Childcare Will Be Available

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important Dates:

- Sunday, February 23, at 11:15 am - BRC Feasibility Study
- Thursday, February 27, at 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- Saturday, March 1, at 5:00 pm - Mardi Gras Party
- Sunday, March 2, at 11:15 am - Not Just For Newcomers Class
- Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 am, 12:00, & 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Services
- Wednesday, March 12, at 5:30 PM - Living Stories in Lent
- Saturday, March 22, at 10:00 am - St. Mark's Book Group



Living Stories in Lent

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:00 PM

March 12 thru April 9, 2025

St. Mark's has been invited to be part of a pilot project in which we can help experience, explore, and shape [Living Stories](#).

Living Stories is an emerging approach to preaching that turns the traditional sermon into a shared, interactive experience for all generations. Living Stories seeks to bring the Gospel to life with tactile storytelling, wondering questions, and a spirit of authentic communion. Through this innovative model, rooted in the traditions of the Church and inspired by methods like [Godly Play](#), participants co-create the sermon by engaging with Scripture and each other. The result? A deeper spiritual connection and a space where every voice helps tell the sacred story.

We are looking for participants from every generation—including young children, elders, and everyone in between—to be part of St. Mark’s “Living Stories in Lent” Cohort.

Registrants should be able to commit to attending *at least* 3 of our 5 Living Stories Sessions, which will be held from **5:30-6pm in Stoney Chapel each Wednesday during Lent (March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, and 9th)**. Participants are encouraged to join other members of St. Mark’s for a Lenten Soup Supper in the parish hall immediately following each session.

[Please click here to register](#) by Sunday, March 2nd. We need a minimum of six households or 12 individuals to register before March 2nd in order to offer this program.



Cosmopolitan Woman’s Club of Albuquerque

Yellow Tulip Garden with the help of the Yellow Tulip Project

March 18th and 19th, 2025

The GFWC Cosmopolitan Woman’s Club of Albuquerque is planning a Yellow Tulip Garden with the help of the Yellow Tulip Project. (GFWC.org; theyellowtulipproject.org). The goal of the YTP and the garden is to SMASH THE STIGMA of mental illness and spread hope and joy to young people struggling with this. [Click Here To Read More...](#)

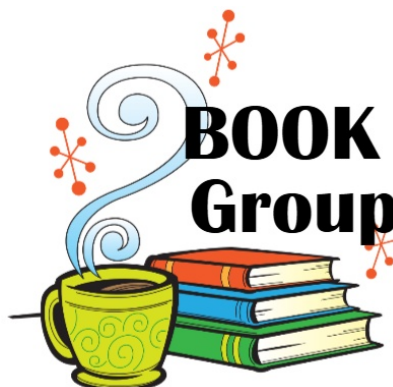
St. Mark's New Book Group

Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM

St. Mark’s is starting a secular book group for enjoyment and building community. We’ll meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 am to discuss that month’s book and enjoy each other’s company.

The first meeting will be on Saturday, March 22. Please read “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce and be ready to discuss the book.

Please let [Ryan Trumbauer](#) know if you are interested in the group. You don’t have to sign up or RSVP for each session, but we are interested in knowing how many people would like to be a part of this group.



Bible Study Schedule 2025

Thursdays - 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Join us for spiritual sharing and exploration on Thursdays following the Eucharist. Drop-ins are welcome. You're not required to read the assigned texts before each session.

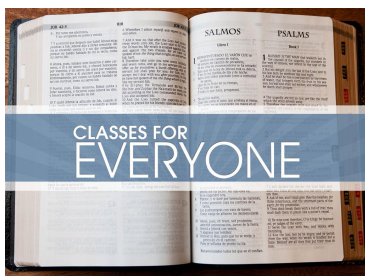
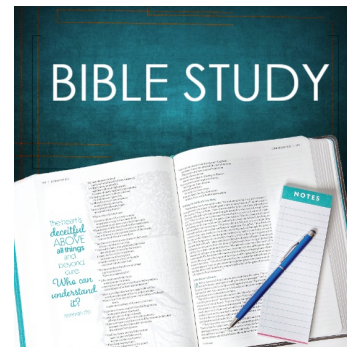
Epiphany Season Texts & Topics

Study Text: *The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder* by Richard Rohr

Reflection Text: *Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons* by Jan Richardson

Tentative Session Schedule

2/27 Rohr Epilogue and Summary



Not Just For Newcomers Class

Next Class is on March 2nd.

Welcome to Sunday:
A Deep Dive into our Worship
and Life Together

Sundays 11:15 - 12:15 in Stoney Chapel

Books you might want to explore during this class:

[The Way of Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices](#) by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe

[Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal Church](#) by Christopher Webber

[Welcome to the Episcopal Church](#) by Christopher Webber

Church Unbound

Increasing Support for a Growing Need

A significant concern came to my mind this week after I ran over on Sunday for a quick visit to drop off the remaining hand warmers. The concern was that at 1:20 PM, the lunches had already been distributed because the church assigned is only able to provide 50 lunches. "Yikes!" I said to Mother Chloe. [Read more...](#)



Chosen Season 4

February 23, at 6:00 pm

Join us on Sunday evenings in the library to watch Season 4 of "The Chosen." Feel free to bring snacks to share! All are welcome.

February 23: [S4 E8 · Episode 8](#)

Jesus refuses to look and act like the Messiah everyone expects, and arrives like a

lamb instead of a lion and riding a donkey instead of a war horse.

DIOCESE & BEYOND



Read Bishop Michael Hunn's [Weekly Update](#) and view the Diocese's most recent [videos](#).



Vocation Course

Are you considering a significant change in your life?

Do you wonder what more God might be calling you to do? The Diocese offers a course of discernment that begins with a Vocations Course during Lent. The group meets online via Zoom at 6:00pm on Wednesdays from March 12 through April 3. For more

information about the Vocations Course or overall Diocesan discernment cycle, [visit https://dioceserg.org/vocations](https://dioceserg.org/vocations). Or you can [register for the 5-week course](#).

City of Albuquerque + High Desert Playback present...


When I Think of Home

Stories from Albuquerque's Westside

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
4-6PM
Taylor Ranch Community Center
4900 Kachina St NW, ABQ, NM 87120
FREE. All are welcome.

Honoring Our Elders
This show will center the stories and voices of seniors living on Albuquerque's NW side.

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In partnership with the City of Albuquerque's Planning and Arts + Culture Departments, we invite Senior residents of ABQ's Northwest neighborhoods to come together to share stories about:

- What you like best (or least) about your neighborhood
- Times when you felt you belonged
- Your hopes and dreams for the future

Enjoy food, connect with your community, and celebrate that your story is a work of art.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 26, 2025, 4-6PM

WHERE: Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

WHO: All are invited to attend. This show will center the stories and voices of seniors living on Albuquerque's NW side.

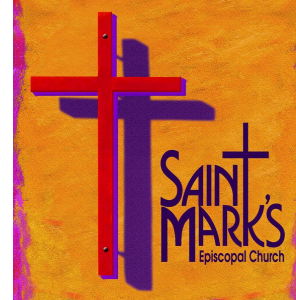
FREE and DINNER IS SERVED.

WORSHIP CORNER

For your thought:

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

Genesis 45:3-11, 15



[Click here to study this Sunday's Readings.](#)



Worship on Sunday is both in person and virtually, every week at 9:30 a.m. We live stream Sunday liturgies on our [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#) channels.

Also, we offer a Midweek Eucharist every Thursday at 11 a.m. that is both in person and on our live-streaming platforms.

[Orders of Worship](#)

GIVE TO ST. MARK'S



Give by mail (St. Mark's has a secure mailbox and is checked regularly). Send to: 431 Richmond Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106.



Give electronically by [PayPal®](#). Please consider checking the box that reads, "I'd like to add to my donation to help offset the cost of processing."

Give electronically through the [Diocese of the Rio Grande Parish Donation site](#) and check the box next to "Albuquerque-St. Mark's". Just fill out the rest of the information and **click the Next button at the bottom of the**



page. Please make sure fill out "special instructions or comment" to let us know how to apply your gift (e.g., pledge, congregational relief fund, etc.)

USEFUL LINKS

- St. Mark's [Home Page](#).
- To join an event of service, visit the [Offerings Page](#).
- **Call** or **email** the church office.
- [Fill out a form](#) to volunteer, donate altar flowers, fill out a new member/visitor form, and more!
- Access the [Member Directory](#).
- To read or view [previous sermons](#).
- Schedule a meeting with Mother Sylvia [by clicking here](#).

All are welcome! Come as you are!

Join us for worship during our Thursday 11 a.m. midweek Holy Eucharists and our Sunday Holy Eucharists at 9:30 a.m. You may join us in person or on Facebook & YouTube.

Email submissions must be sent [\(via email\)](#) by 9:00 am Wednesday for inclusion on end-of-the-week's e-news.

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